

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Claim 15 has been amended, leaving Claims 1-23 for consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Paragraph 44 has been amended to explicitly recite the presence of exit line 200 as shown in Figure 1 as originally filed. Paragraph 45 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Figures 2-6 have been changed to show that gas-liquid separator 90 precedes heat exchanger 140 as described in the specification in paragraph 40 and in Figure 1. Figures 2-4 have also been changed to show that azeotrope column 180 follows acid column 160 as described in paragraph 44 and Figure 1. Figure 7 has been changed to reflect the presence of heat exchanger 150 preceding acid column 160 as shown in Figures 1, 3-6, and 8 and alluded to in paragraph 48.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error. If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0862 maintained by Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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